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MEETING DATES:

19th April (AGM)

21st June

9th August

11th October

Venue is Conachie Hall,
Rochester Road,
Canterbury.

Meetings start at 7pm.

Email Debs if you are
interested in attending.

**CHESS still has stock of
school song CDs @ \$12
and badges @ \$7 -
email
patjdouglas@iprimus.com.au**

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CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS' SOCIETY INC.

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March 2010

CHESS REPORT

Dear CHESS Members

Seventy Years of Camberwell High in 2011!

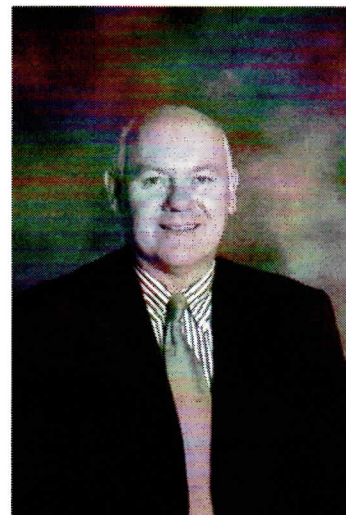
Barry Garnham initiated the creation of CHESS in 1991. This was the year that Camberwell High celebrated its Golden Jubilee with celebrations both in the school and the Hyatt Dinner. Anne Rusden, my form teacher from 1971 and the then Principal, was a driving force in making the event over the weekend a memorable one. Next year will mark 70 years since our school was established in 1941.

Our AGM in April will mark my departure from the presidency and elections will be held for all positions on the committee. I plan to stay on the committee and support the work being done by our ex-students group.

Since taking over from Barry in the early nineties I have had incredible support from Pat Douglas who was a founding member of the committee. Mary Hill, Neil Bouvier and Deb Johnson have all performed dedicated committee roles together with a team of committee members that have rallied for events.

I thank all who have supported CHESS. Our goal of building an email data base will assist us in keeping our members in touch as well as using computers to preserve photographs and data on the school.

Disco Consulere Aliis
Bernard Corser Class of 1971



DIARY DATES

40s & 50s Reunion

Friday 15th October between 2pm and 4pm

Wattle Park Chalet

Cost to be announced in next Chessmoves.

CHESS Annual Luncheon

Wednesday 1st September

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

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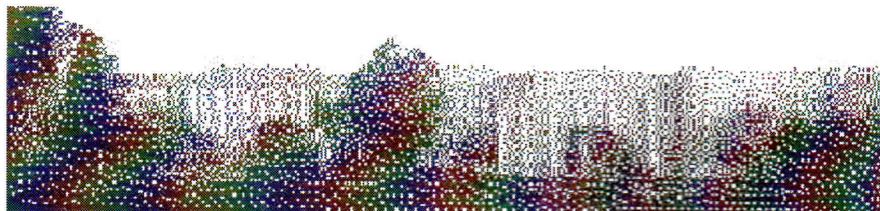
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We welcome any contributions from past students. Please contact Deb by post or email with any written articles. Also, if any CHESS members wish to place ads, please contact Bernard. Also please consider our chessmoves website for your advertising!

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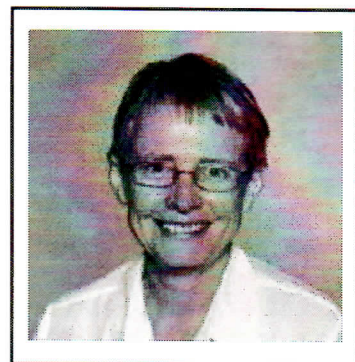
June 15th, 2010.
Send all articles to
Debs.

**ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

The school farewelled our Principal of 15 years, Elida Brereton, at the end of 2009. The position of Principal was advertised during Term 4 last year, however no appointment was made. The position was readvertised in February and applications have now closed. It has attracted substantial interest and some high calibre applicants and we are confident that a suitable candidate will be appointed.

The selection process should be completed in the next 6-7 weeks, and the school community will be informed of the outcome as soon as possible. It is expected that the successful candidate will take up their duties at the beginning of Term 2.

In the meantime I will be performing the role of Acting Principal. I will be supported in the Principal Team by Maureen Salter AP, and acting APs, Andrew Batrouney and Don Gibbons.



The Year 12 VCE results published in December last year, were excellent, and placed the school in the top eight government High Schools. Our dux received an ENTER score of 99.45, and 12 students achieved scores over 95. Following the first round of tertiary offers I am pleased to announce that 70% of the students who applied for tertiary entrance were offered a University place and 25% were offered TAFE places. The school is very proud of their achievements and we wish them well as they move onto the next phase of their lives.

The first rehearsals for the 2010 school musical – Singing in the Rain- have commenced and will continue until the performances begin on May 5. I witnessed the first rehearsals and was impressed with the commitment and focus shown by the cast. I would also like to thank the staff who have already given up a substantial amount of their free time.

On Tuesday February 16th the school welcomed Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg. This is the third time Michael has visited Camberwell HS and it is the second time that he has addressed seminar students. Michael shared twenty strategies for success in what he terms the "VCE Game". This was part of the Year 12 Seminar Day, which was organised by the Year 12 PTLs, Bruce Anderson, Kaye Fletcher and Karin Warne.

We were delighted to receive notification that one of the Year 12 Visual Communication students, Minkyung Shim, will be represented in Top Designs 2010. Top Designs is part of the VCE Season of Excellence managed by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. Top Designs will show work by 103 exhibitors who were selected from a short list of 250 from over 1700 applications. I would like to congratulate Minkyung on this outstanding achievement and also recognise the support and guidance provided by her teacher, Leanne Joyner.

Isabelle McKenzie
Acting Principal

MISS CAMERON TURNS 100!!!

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(The following letter was sent to Camberwell High School and we reproduce it with permission from the school's Acting Principal.)

Dear Colleagues

I thought you would be interested to know that one of your former Music teachers will turn 100 years of age on Monday next, 8 February, 2010.

Dr Alexandra Esther Cameron MBE has already received a letter from the Queen and it would be appreciated I feel, if her former school communities also acknowledged this special occasion.

In speaking to her last Saturday, with Dr Eleanor Peeler, from the Faculty of Education, University of Melbourne, she spoke fondly of her time in each of your schools.

Mordialloc HS Appointed as an Assistant teacher
2 February, 1954

Camberwell HS Appointed
3 February, 1959

Balwyn HS Promoted as a Class 1 teacher
2 February, 1965

Dr Cameron was a Music Method Lecturer, part time at the University during the time she was at Camberwell and in 1966 became the first Secondary Schools' Inspector of Music, with a qualification in Music.

As Music Inspector she changed the face of Music in secondary schools. She introduced Instrumental Music and established Music Placement Schools as well as the Saturday Morning Music School now called Melbourne Youth Music (MYM).

In 1970 she established the Chamber Strings of Melbourne and last year she booked the Melbourne Town Hall for Sunday, 30 May, 2010 for the 30th Anniversary Concert of this Orchestra, which she established at age 70 years. Dr Cameron lives at Balwyn Manor, 48/23 Maleela Avenue, Balwyn, 3103. Tel/Fax: 9817-5552

Dr Cameron was a former Lecturer of mine in Dip. Ed and an inspiring Mentor in my early years of teaching.

Kind regards

Mary Kelleher
Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development



Yvonne Giltinan and Miss Cameron at the School Song CD Recording on July 30, 2005

From the last CHS newsletter. Each edition featured a student with an exemplary attendance record....

Friday 11th December 2009

Issue No 20

From the Attendance Office

In this newsletter we pay tribute to someone with a truly great attendance record. In 43 years of service to education Ms Elida Brereton has only ever missed **one day** of work as a result of illness. Clearly born of hearty stock she credits her mother with her philosophy of accountability. 'She would make me go to school even if my arms were hanging off' she has said. Being busy with a determination to succeed, her regular attendance has been of huge benefit to her career. She is known for her punctuality, reliability and her generous attendance in both the work place and at social functions all year round.

It is hoped that her positive attitude will be an inspiration to many generations of students at Camberwell High School and we challenge the entire school community to follow her lead. She is certainly a worthy winner of our attendance certificate.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and a new year full of positive resolutions.

Megan Edwards
Attendance Officer



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2009 Period Financial Statement - cash basis

Year ended Thursday 31 December 2009

ABN 54 448 712 733

Total
Year To Date
from 1.01.09
to 31.12.09

Opening Balance at National Bank 8,919.46

RECEIPTS

Badge Sales 8 @ \$5	40.00
Donations from Members on top of Subs :	1,894.29
Luncheon Kelvin Club Tuesday 15/09/09 18 @ \$45	810.00
School Song Sales 2 CD's @ \$10	20.00
Subscriptions:	
2010 at \$20	2,260.00
2009 at \$20	2,500.00

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS \$7,524.29

PAYMENTS

Annual Statement fees - Consumer Affairs	39.70
Badge Expenses - postages	25.80
Bank Charges and Taxes - NAB Account Fees	5.00
Bank Charges and Taxes - NAB Merchant Fees	241.33
Database - copy to USB and another second PC	150.00
Death Notices - Brian Naylor - Bushfires	281.14
Dinners - Meetings, Christmas & AGM - CHS Staff & Committee	595.00
Donation - Bushfire Appeals (in memory of Brian Naylor)	500.00
Farewell - Elida Brereton Principal	90.00
Luncheon - Kelvin Club meals	436.00
Membership Secretary - Out of pocket expenses	400.00
Postages - CHESSMoves	578.50
Postage & Printing - Kooyong Luncheon	287.65
Printing - Ticket Orders, Membership & Acceptance forms	53.00
Printing - CHESSMoves	836.30
Publication - CHESSMoves	450.00
Stationery & Computer Software Exps	363.15
Webpage "Adobe Dreamweaver" for chessmoves.com	625.00
Webpage Hosting & Updates www.chessmoves.com	550.00

TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS 6,507.57

Cash Surplus (Deficit) for the Year \$1,016.72

Cash Balance - Surplus (Deficit) Cumulative \$9,936.18

TOTAL ASSETS

Closing Balance at NAB Cheque Account : 50 - 723 - 8691	\$9,936.18
Purchase of Digital Projector - for reunions 50% share	\$1,200.00
Total Assets	\$11,136.18

MEMBERSHIP (PAID UP) HISTORY

No. of 2010 Subscriptions banked this year	113
No. of 2009 Subscriptions banked this year	125
No. of 2009 Subscriptions banked last year	128

TOTAL PAID 2009 & 2010 MEMBERS IN 2009 238

C.H.E.S.S. TREASURER'S REPORT



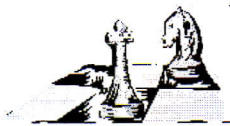
CHESS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009



I've heard that at the upcoming AGM that there will be some resignations from the President and the Media office bearers so I might unsurprisingly put my hand up too. Alas the graph hasn't stirred since my last call for anyone to take over as Treasurer just like the previous 16 years so, unless something happens at the AGM in April, I might consider outsourcing the job to India. Then when they ring me up on any queries they won't be able to as I'll have CHESS on my "Do Not Call Register".

As for 2009, apart from the mighty Cats winning another flag, we had Elida leave CHS and CHESS had a year off with no reunions. In October we will have the 40/50's and that normally is well attended. We still have plenty of Badges (\$7) and School Song CD's (\$12) including \$2 postage so please feel free to purchase these items. We may do a half-yearly clearance sale or a Harvey Norman type no repayments till 2012, but I need to ratify this by the committee.

Once again I've prepared the attached Treasurer's Report from my tax-free abode in the Jersey Islands and for CHESS there was a modest surplus of \$1016 for the year. We have \$9936 in the bank account and the committee are hoping to use these funds to involve Melbourne High School Old Boys to help run our database and maybe our website. Watch this space! Also a farewell gratuity to the Treasurer for services rendered may be considered – a signed blank cheque would be fine.



chessmoves committee news

CHESS Committee Nomination Form

We have decided to include a nomination form for CHESS members as the AGM is due in April and we would appreciate some input with the selection process. Our annual membership form is included. Please continue to support us as CHESS is here for you all.

Adieu

I should mention that I am leaving CHESS at the end of the year after ten years' service. I have intensive commitments with my four children, two of whom are severely autistic and I have another on the autism spectrum. Holly, our daughter has hectic sporting commitments needing me as taxi driver/support crew. She is returning to Kuala Lumpur (International Youth U15 Tournament) in July to play cricket with her team, which includes Tilly from CHS, a very promising young cricketer - and I'm going along!

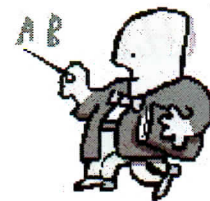
I am hoping that someone can take over the website and newsletter. I am pleased to have scanned nearly everything in the school archives and to have made them accessible to you all. The newsletter format is working well and I have enjoyed featuring past students in Discourse. And anyone who has been to our reunions has seen the big powerpoint presentations of your class photos, which has really added to the atmosphere of these occasions. It's been an era of consolidation with CHESS - thanks to the volunteers who put in the hard yards, Pat especially, for being my support crew with newsletter production and past student email responses.

Cheers!

Deb Johnson

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Our questionnaire....

Replies from Marguerite Moors (née Neagle) (CHS 1960 - 1963)

Which teacher inspired you at CHS?

I found all the teachers very professional, but it was Mr Burns' calm manner that impressed me. I don't remember him ever raising his voice. He was always well organized and in control of the class.

What school house were you in?

Montgomery

Can you hit the high note at the end of the school song?

I only ever mimed. When at Teachers College I was once given 3 out of 10 for singing (3 because I was told that at least I had learnt the words of the song I had to sing)

Your favourite sport or, conversely, what sport did you try to get out of?

I liked everything except swimming. Hated the cold water in the pool at the beginning of the season.

Who was your best friend at school?

Moni Bruttel (Stinton) and Sue Hasler (Stacey) Sadly Sue has since passed away. Moni is now living in Queensland, but we still keep in touch.

What book are you reading now?

The Gardens at Kew - Allen Paterson

An historical overview of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew over the last 250 years. Trying to do my homework before I visit.

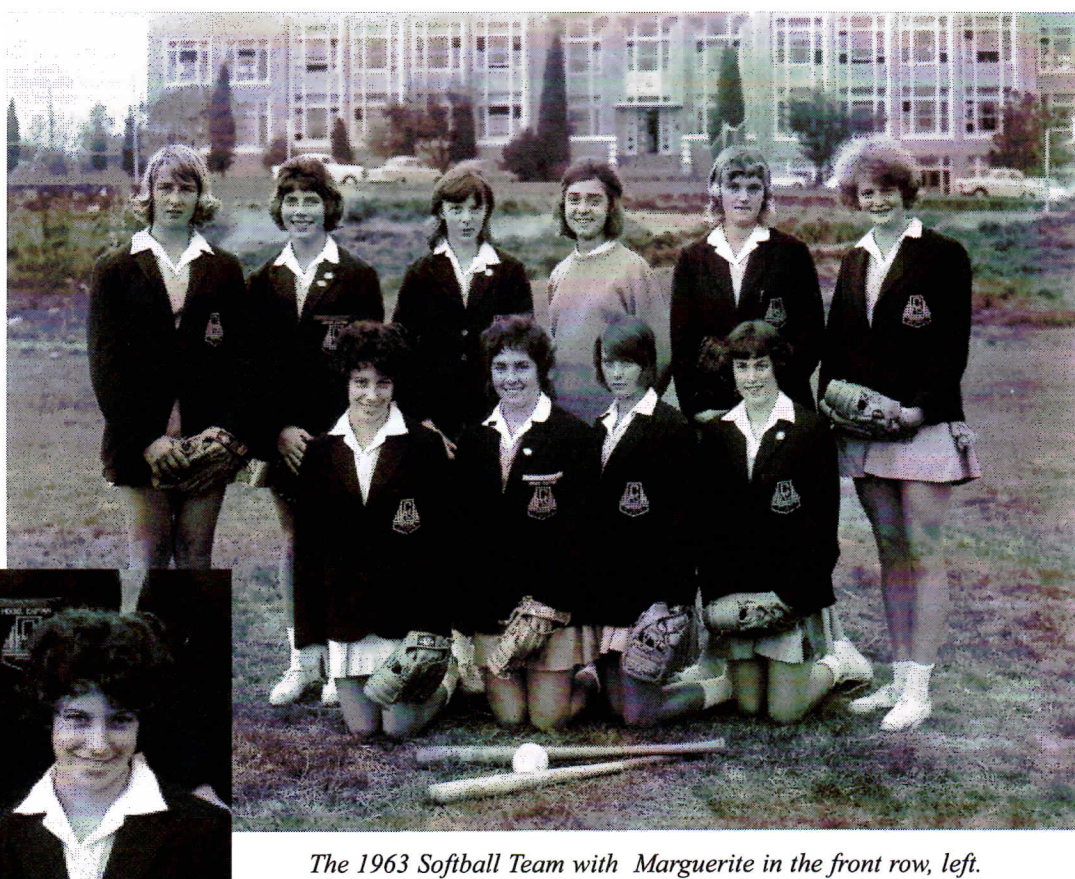
Did you have a crush on a classmate?

Yes, there were many.

There always seemed to be some boy who I was crazy about.

Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?

Yes, I think Camberwell High set very high standards in education and life skills.



The 1963 Softball Team with Marguerite in the front row, left.

A bit about me.....

I completed form 1 and 2 at Mont Albert Central School before commencing form 3 at Camberwell High in 1960, along with a few of my friends. Every morning, dressed in school uniform, complete with the mandatory hat gloves and blazer, I caught the old green bus to school. To miss the 7-45 am bus was disastrous as it certainly meant being late for school. How the buses passed any road traffic safety regulations and never seemed to break down was a mystery to all who travelled on the route. Catching the bus home was also an interesting exercise; especially after we'd been playing sport. The music room doubled as the girls locker room where, after sport, the girls travelling on the bus would madly pull on suspender belts and stockings, (this was pre panty hose days) grab their hats, gloves and blazers and race out on to Prospect Hill Rd hoping the old green bus wasn't early that day. Some how we usually managed to make it to the bus on time, but not before the thick beige stockings had received a few more perforations and which would need to be mended that night. I often thought things would have been a lot easier for the girls who lived within walking distance of school, but then they wouldn't have had all the fun of the bus over the following four years.

From Camberwell High School I went to Burwood Teachers College (now known as Deakin University, I believe) where I completed the 3 years of the Trained Infant Teachers Certificate. I graduated at the end of 1966 and then went to teach infants classes at several inner Melbourne schools. These proved to be some of my most enjoyable teaching years. Teaching the Italian and Greek children was very rewarding and their parents most supportive of the teachers.

A couple of years later Henry and I married and we bought our first house in Glen Iris about which time I resigned from the Victorian Education Department to have a family. A few years later, now with three young children, we moved to Burwood. We had only been in the house for a few months when Henry, who was a senior geologist for Shell, announced that the company wanted us to transfer to Perth for the North West Shelf. That was in 1977 and here we are still in Perth. Our two sons and daughter have all married and we are delighted to be the proud grand parents of five lovely children.

Camberwell High offered a great range of sports in my time and I particularly enjoyed basketball, softball and athletics. It was while I was in form five that we played a cricket match against Mac Robertson Girls High.

Even though we were resoundly beaten, we had a lot of fun. I recall having a crush on the form six boy who was assigned to umpire our match on this fateful day: that was until he gave me out-LBW. I'm sure he was right though. It was while at Camberwell that I first started playing squash and which I played three or more times a week in various competitions for many years until finally the creaky bones gave out.

Seven years ago I retired from full time work with a publishing company where I was responsible for primary education materials throughout Western Australia, South Australia and the NT. Just prior to retiring I decided to take up golf and have since spent many an hour endeavoring to master the little white ball. During this time I've been working on a number of committees, and have just completed a two year term as Ladies Captain at Nedlands Golf Club. This was a very busy time but also a lot of fun.

I still love sport and remain actively involved. I enjoy playing golf regularly at my home club and elsewhere. At other times I'm very involved in my role as Director of Match for Women's Golf Western Australia. Sport has been very kind to me and its through sport that I've met a lot of very nice people across the state. My other interests are orchid growing and gardening.

Hopefully a visit to Melbourne and a CHESS function will be on the agenda before long also.

Marguerite Moors (Neagle)



The Archives - Update

On the 18th November last year, I was part of a small band of your CHESH committee who got together and devoted a large chunk of their time, on a very hot day, to shifting the archives from the dusty fan room on the second floor of the 70s building to a secure room in the Arts Technology Building (on the site of the former Camberwell Baths).



TOP: From left: Kate Hamond, Marni Kok, Audrey Broomhead and Pat Douglas.



This was a MAJOR undertaking as we had to pack boxes of Prospices, Education Department records, photo albums, the large CHESH-donated Brownbuilt cabinets holding the class photos back to 1941, plus the another CHESH Brownbuilt cabinet with old school uniforms in it. There were school shields too. Enough to fill a small room. And very heavy!!

It was difficult as we had to negotiate loading the trolleys, get down the lift with boxes that tried to topple, walk around the school, down the old laneway, then down the hill to our allocated archives room. There is no easy route as the school is all steps between levels and buildings, apart from the

disabled lift installed in the 70s building which got us to ground level. After two hours of this, we decided to try Kate's ute and it expedited getting from A to B. Pat organised the document boxes and we have decided to return, one day, to collate the Prospices into proper years within those boxes....but not for the present. The main thing is that they are safe.

The school, generously, allowed us to have one large sliding bay (middle right opposite page). I spoke to Elida about the need for a weather seal as the dirt and leaves blow in under the door and we hope that the school attends to this.



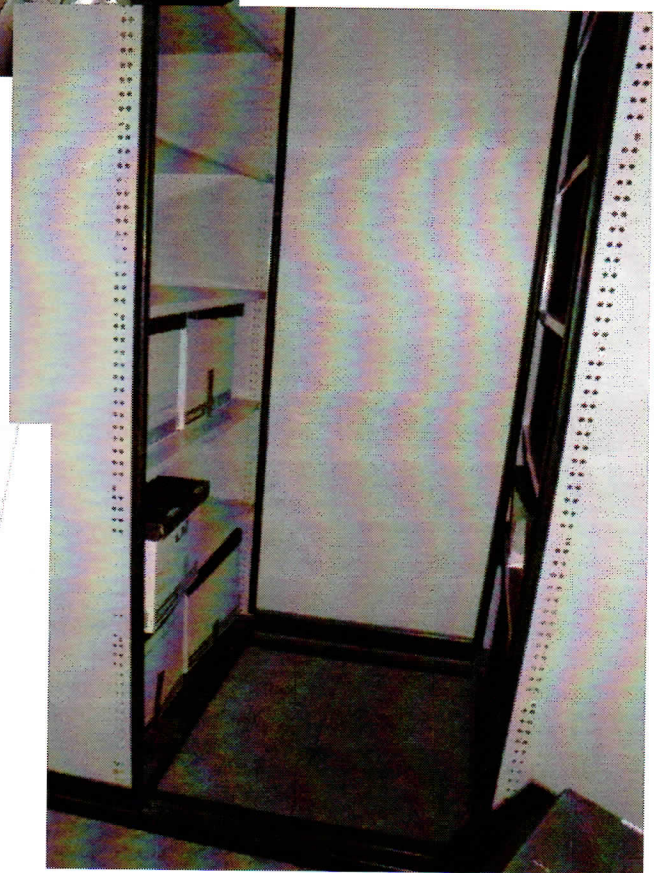
We are very relieved to see our precious *Prospices* safely stored now. It has always been CHES's objective to preserve archival material for future students. So, WELL DONE!!!!
 Deb Johnson



TOP: Kate oversees us packing the ute in the main forecourt.

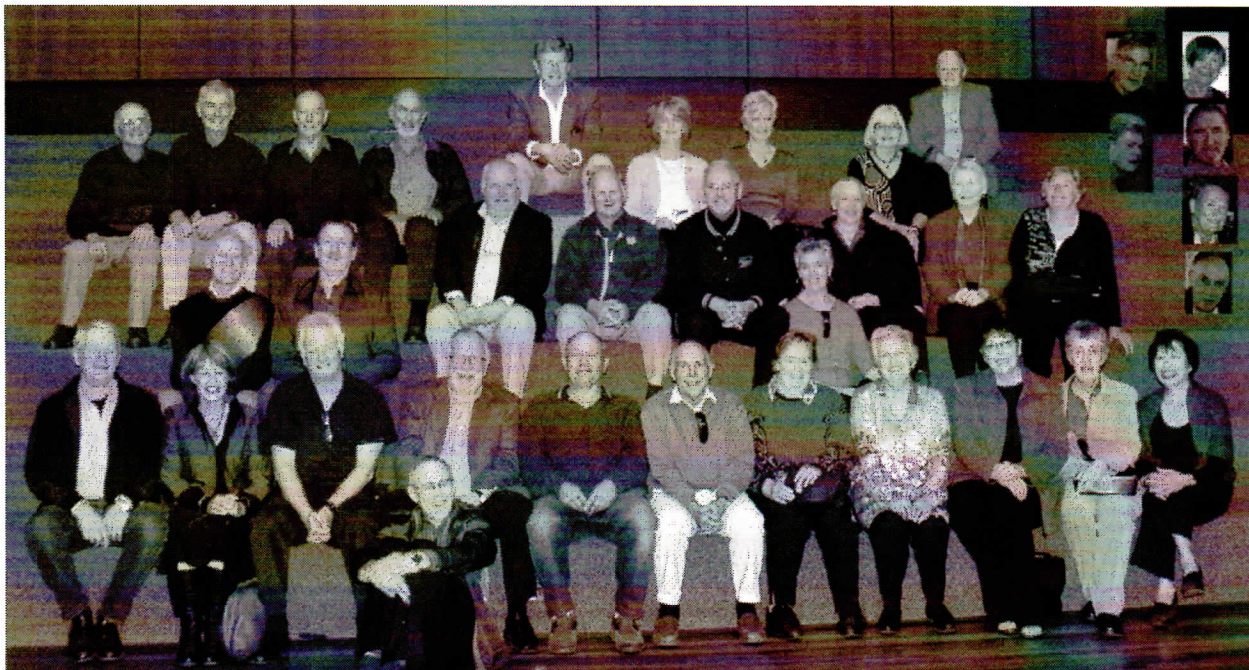
RIGHT: The new sliding bays holding our archives.

BOTTOM: Before we swept! Door seal please!



It was quite daunting meeting so many old school mates for the first time in 50 years. Colin Notley had travelled from NZ to join us and Ian Woonton came down from NSW. Many others travelled long distances from country Victoria. We gathered at Camberwell High School VCE centre generously made available by the school on Sunday October 25th 2009. John O'Hara welcomed everyone at the door with a much needed name badge. "The girls" provided lunch – very traditional! Graham Morris had a slide show on the big screen of old form photos (except for 4D!), sports groups, committees, staff and old 1950's black and white snapshots donated by Russell Conway. Gill Levy was MC for reports of our sporting triumphs given by John O'Hara, David Jenkin, Robert Monaghan, Rosemary Farris, Ron Welsh, Liz Mauger, June Gregory and Nonie Lovitt. Such great memories. We talked and talked and were still chatting at the end of a tour of the school by Isabelle McKenzie and it was time to depart.

Nonie Holman (nee Lovitt).



Class of 1959 Reunion Photo

Front Row: Bill Goodenough
 2nd Row: Gary Allen, June Gregory, Robert Whyte, Graham Morris, Jeff Sonderhof, David Hopkins, Jan Devlin, Nonie Lovitt, Gill Levy, Elaine Robinson, Lenore Ng
 3rd Row: Brian Horwood, Ron Welsh, Leonie Guenther (Tipping)
 4th Row: Colin Notley, Ian Burrowes, Dieter Guenther, Rosemary Mead, Wendy Dabourne, Gail Morton
 5th Row: Robert Monaghan, David Jenkin, Bill Tucker, Ian Woonton, Barbara Turner, Winifred James, Pam Watson
 Back Row: John O'Hara, Liz Mauger
 Insets: Present at the reunion but not in the photo (from the bottom anticlockwise)
 Robert Seedsman, Ralph Hill, Geoff French, Denise Shand, Russell Conway, Wendy Ablett

VALE

Robert Belzer (CHS 1953 - 1958)

Robert Belzer is on the Chessmoves Gallery Of Honour for his work within the telecommunications industry as a unionist and for his Directorship with Telstra Super and Telstra Financial Planning. Our condolences go to Maureen and Luke.

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